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# IPU Regional Conference on eliminating violence against women in politics
# Parliamentary action for transformative change.

3 and 4 December 2026, Montevideo (Uruguay)

## General information note

Updated on 23 November

The Regional Conference will take place on 3 and 4 December 2026 in Montevideo under the theme: Parliamentary action for transformative change.

The working sessions of the Conference will take place on 3 and 4 December 2026 at the Palacio Legislativo (Parliament building) in Montevideo. On 2 December 2026, the Host Parliament will organize a welcome dinner and a cultural activity to mark the end of the Conference.

### PARTICIPATION

All IPU Member Parliaments of the Latin America and the Caribbean Group (GRULAC) are invited to send a delegation to the Regional Conference.

With a view to facilitating the exchange of experiences and good practices in combatting violence against women in politics, a number of parliaments from other regions with proven good practices in this area, as well as parliaments supported by the IPU in promoting gender equality and eliminating violence against women in politics, will also be invited to attend the Regional Conference.

The number of parliamentarians in delegations of unicameral parliaments must be limited to **four persons**. Bicameral parliaments may register a maximum of **eight parliamentarians**. Parliaments will be invited to ensure that their delegation includes **one man parliamentarian and at least one young woman parliamentarian** (under 40 years of age). In addition to parliamentarians, delegations may include up to **two members of parliamentary staff**. Bicameral parliaments may register up to eight parliamentarians (both chambers), including two men parliamentarians (one from each chamber) and at least two young women parliamentarians (under 40 years of age, one from each chamber) to attend the Conference. Parliaments are invited to send a maximum of one parliamentary official.

The IPU Associate Members are invited to send a delegation of **up to two representatives**. Delegations are invited to be gender balanced.

Also invited to the Conference are the IPU Permanent Observers that work on women's issues, as well as a select number of international and regional women's associations and organizations, and parliamentary assemblies and associations. The Permanent Observers and selected organizations and associations are to be represented by **a maximum of two representatives**. Delegations are encouraged to ensure gender balance.

## OPENING CEREMONY

The Regional Conference opening ceremony will take place on Wednesday, 2 December 2026, from 19:00 to 21:30, in the Hall of Lost Steps (Salón de los Pasos Perdidos) of the Legislative Palace. It will be chaired by Carolina Cosse, President of the General Assembly and of the Chamber of Senators.

## ORGANIZATION OF PROCEEDINGS

In keeping with standard IPU practice, all delegates will have equal speaking rights. In order to ensure that the discussions are as dynamic, vibrant and respectful as possible, the following rules will apply:

- There will be no advance list of speakers on any agenda item. Chairs of Conference sessions will draw up a list of speakers from among the participants who request the floor at the beginning of a particular discussion segment. Session Chairs will endeavour to ensure gender and regional diversity among the speakers selected.

- Participants are asked not to read out prepared statements, but rather to engage naturally in lively discussions. Subject to arrangements that the session Chairs may make depending on the circumstances, oral contributions may not exceed three minutes. Participants may speak several times on each item, particularly to respond to other statements, but should avoid addressing issues in the form of a dialogue.

- Participants shall not engage in abusive language that is defamatory, intolerant, sexist, racist or xenophobic, or that incites hatred and violence. Session Chairs shall have the prerogative to call a speaker to order when the latter does not keep to the subject under discussion or prejudices the debate by using abusive, discriminatory or hateful language. If the disturbance continues, or if a further offence is committed, the speaker may be denied the right to continue to speak. The Chair may decide to deactivate the speaker's microphone.

## LANGUAGES AND INTERPRETATION

Simultaneous interpretation will be available into and from Spanish and English.

The General Assembly of Uruguay will provide a simultaneous interpretation system (SIS).

Two additional interpretation booths will be made available on a first-come, first-served basis for national delegations that wish to bring their own team of interpreters. Any costs associated with booth rentals and interpreters' fees will be borne by the delegations reserving the booths.

The additional interpreting booths will be located in the main conference hall.

## REGISTRATION

Parliaments and organizations invited to the Conference are requested to complete the Conference registration form not later than **20 November 2026**. Delegates may indicate on this registration form whether or not they will attend the dinner hosted by the Host Parliament on 2 December 2026.

Kindly be advised that registrations made after this date will not be guaranteed.

Any questions for the IPU or Host Parliament should be sent to the email addresses listed below:

| **Inter-Parliamentary Union** | **General Assembly of Uruguay** |
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| Ms. Marie-Graziella Nguini<br>Senior Assistant<br>Gender Partnership Programme<br>Chemin du Pommier 5<br>1218 LE GRAND SACONNEX<br>Switzerland<br>Email: mgn@ipu.org<br>CC: postbox@ipu.org<br>Tel.: +41 22 919 41 45 or 50 | Ms. Carina Galvalisi<br>Secretary of the Uruguayan Inter-Parliamentary Group of the IPU<br>Uruguayan Inter-Parliamentary Group of the IPU<br>Asamblea General<br>Palacio Legislativo<br>Av. de las Leyes s/n<br>MONTEVIDEO<br>Uruguay<br>Email: ipuuru@parlamento.gub.uy<br>Mobile: +598 9911 12 20 |

## VISAS

To enter Uruguay, all Conference delegates must hold a passport valid for at least six months from the date of arrival.
Delegates from certain countries or territories may also require an entry visa to Uruguay.

All persons attending the Conference should check well in advance whether they require a visa to travel to Uruguay or contact the nearest Uruguayan diplomatic mission. This information can be obtained at the following link: https://migracion.minterior.gub.uy/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=1280.

The list of countries whose nationals require an entry visa to Uruguay can be found at the following link: https://www.gub.uy/ministerio-interior/comunicacion/publicaciones/regimen-visas-admision.

The Host Parliament will liaise with the relevant authorities to facilitate the issuance of visas, including visas on arrival, for all persons invited to the Regional Conference and so designated by the IPU Member Parliaments, Associate Members and Permanent Observers.

To enter Uruguay, participants are required to have medical or travel insurance coverage for the duration of their stay in the country. Participants are advised to take out their own all risk travel insurance policies.

## HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Delegates will bear the cost of their airfare, accommodation and daily allowances (subsistence). Hotel accommodation costs are to be paid directly to the hotel.

**The deadline for guaranteed rates is 13 November 2026.**

**After this date the Host cannot guarantee the negotiated rates. The rates include:**
* Bed and breakfast
* VAT

* Tourist tax

**All communications with hotels regarding reservations must mention the event "IPU Regional Conference" in order to access the special rates offered for the event.**

**Hotels officially designated for the Conference:**

| **Hotel Hyatt Centric Montevideo (5*)** |
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| **Rates:**<br>Room: King U$ 149<br>Room Twin U$ 149<br>**Address:**<br>Rambla República del Perú 1479, Montevideo, 11300<br>**Telephone:**<br>\| (+598) 94 242 022 \| (+598) 2621 1234 \|<br>To book please contact: **JUAN PEDRO KASSELIAN** Sales Manager/ Jefe de Ventas.<br>juanpedro.kasselian@hyatt.com<br>For booking use the following link: www.hyatt.com/events/en-US/group-booking/MVDHY/G-CIDM<br><br>**Distance:**<br>Connected to the Conference centre by shuttle. |

| **Hotel Dazzler Wyndham Hotel (4*)** |
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| **Rates:**<br>Standard single room: U$ 95<br>Double room: U$ 101<br>**Address:**<br>21 De Setiembre 2752, Montevideo, 11300<br>**Teléfono:**<br>+598 2716 0000<br>**Distance:**<br>Connected to the Conference centre by shuttle.<br>**Reservations** should be requested by email at reservas@dazzlermontevideo.com, copying camila.negretto@wyndhamhoteles.com, and mentioning the Inter-Parliamentary Union Regional Conference. |

| **Hotel Aloft by Marriott Montevideo (4*)** |
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| **Rates::**<br>Standard single room : U$ 145<br>Double room: U$ 155<br>**Address:**<br>Victor Soliño 350, 11300 Montevideo, Uruguay<br>**Telephone:**<br>+598 2716-1111.<br>**Distance:** Connected to the Conference centre by shuttle.<br>**Reservtions:** at the following link *Enlace de reserva* |

| **Hotel Ibis Styles (3*)** |
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| **Rates:**<br>Standard queen single U$ 70 double U$ 90<br>Standard twin single U$ 70 double U$ 90<br>**Address:**<br>Ibis Styles Montevideo Biarritz<br>21 de Setiembre 2783, Punta Carretas, MVD<br>**Telephone:**<br>M +598 95 740 746 |

**Distance:**
Connected to the Conference centre by shuttle.
**Reservations:** Contact Mr. Marcelo Fernandez directly by email or telephone.
Marcelo Fernandez, General Manager Email: marcelo.fernandez@accor.com

**The hotels listed above are almost fully booked.**

**Participants may wish to consider the hotels below. No preferential rate has been negotiated with them, so bookings should be made individually through the hotel's website or other booking platforms.**

**Transport to and from the Conference venue will be provided from these hotels.**

- **HOTEL ALFASUITES**

- **BALIÑAS BOUTIQUE**

- **HOTEL FAUNA**

- **HOTEL PALM BEACH**

- **HOTEL CIUDADANO**

-**HOTEL QUIJANO**

-**HOTEL PUERTO MERCADO**

## FLIGHTS AND WELCOME SERVICES

Delegates are responsible for arranging and financing their own air travel to Uruguay.
The Host Parliament will provide ground transport to delegates between the airport and their designated hotels. Delegates requiring private transport are advised to contact their respective Embassies in Uruguay or to make their own arrangements and will bear the cost.

On arrival at and departure from Carrasco International Airport in Montevideo, the Host Parliament will provide transport between the airport and the hotels (Ibis Styles, Hyatt, Aloft, Dazzler Wyndham, hotel alfasuites, baliñas boutique, hotel fauna, hotel palm beach, hotel ciudadano, hotel Quijano, hotel puerto mercado), as appropriate, from Tuesday, 1 December to Saturday, 5 December inclusive.

Upon arrival delegates will be welcomed by the staff of the Legislative Branch Protocol Office upon leaving the aircraft/airport and will be transferred to their respective hotels.

Please note that transport will only be provided to delegates staying at the designated hotels listed above and not to delegates who are staying elsewhere.

To ensure an efficient reception service, all participants are requested to provide full arrival and departure details on the registration form, including the date, flight number and time of arrival and departure.
The official VIP lounge at the airport will not be used. Uruguayan security regulations do not permit external personnel to enter the arrivals and departures areas of the airport

Upon exiting the arrivals hall, participants should contact staff with Conference badges who will be stationed immediately after the final security checkpoint.

## LOCAL TRANSPORT

The Host Parliament will also organize transfers for participants between the designated hotels (Ibis Style, Hyatt, Aloft Marriott, Dazzler, Wyndham, hotel alfasuites, baliñas boutique, hotel fauna, hotel palm beach, hotel ciudadano, hotel Quijano, hotel puerto mercado) and the venues of the official events, as indicated in the Conference programme

Bus schedules will be available at the designated hotels.

For all transport related information, please contact us at the following email address: transporte@parlamento.gub.uy.

## RECEPTION AND EVENTS

The General Assembly of Uruguay will host a gala dinner on **2 December 2026, from 19:00 to 21:30, in the Hall of Lost Steps (Salón de los Pasos Perdidos) of the Legislative Branch**

Included in the programme of the gala dinner will be a short speech and an art performance. The dress code is formal. All members of national delegations (parliamentarians, Secretaries and advisers) as well as officials and special guests are invited. Shuttle buses will be provided from the officially designated hotels before and after the gala dinner.

## HEALTH AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

First-aid services will be available at the designated hotels and at the Conference venues and official events.

Delegates are responsible for the cost of all personal medical services and must have health insurance before arriving in Uruguay. The insurance must include coverage for medical care received at facilities such hospitals, clinics and doctors' surgeries.

Persons under special medical treatment are advised to bring sufficient medication.

It is also important that participants with prescribed medication (medicines, prescription glasses, etc.) bring a copy of their prescriptions. Medication should not be placed in checked-in luggage, but in hand luggage on board the aircraft, to avoid any problems arising from the loss or delay of luggage.

## SECURITY

All necessary measures will be taken to ensure the security of all Conference delegates and activities. Participants are required to wear their ID badges visibly at all times during official events. All lost badges must be reported immediately to the Host Parliament.

There will be a special security check at the entrance to the Conference venue.

## REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESK

The Host Parliament will provide an information and registration desk at the Conference venue where participants can collect their badges: Legislative Branch, entrance via General Flores

- 2 December, from 09:00 to 18:00
- 3 December, from 08:00 to 18:00
- 4 December, from 08:00 to 18:00

It will not be possible to **access** the Conference venue or the gala dinner without the appropriate accreditation.

## CLIMATE

In December, the average temperature in Montevideo ranges from +15°C in the morning to +27°C during the day.
December marks the beginning of summer in Montevideo which is characterized by warm, sunny weather with moderate winds.
The usual weather conditions will be disrupted towards the end of this year due to the El Niño phenomenon which will reach its peak intensity between November and December 2026. The Uruguayan Institute of Meteorology (Inumet) has issued specific warnings for this quarter. Above-average rainfall is forecasted with temperatures below the historical average.

## CURRENCY

The official currency of Uruguay is the Uruguayan peso (Ur$/UYU) comprising bank notes and coins.

The mid-market reference exchange rates are as follows:

- United States dollar (US$): 1 US$ is equivalent to approximately 40.27 Ur$.
- Euro (EUR): 1 EUR is equivalent to approximately 46.43 Ur$.

Major credit and debit cards are widely accepted. However, it is recommended to carry cash and to ask whether credit cards are accepted.

Currency can be exchanged in banks or in bureaux de change.

## TELECOMMUNICATION

The international dialling code for calls from Uruguay to any destination is 00, followed by the country code, the area code and the number.

The country code for calling Uruguay is +598.

Mobile phones and 5G networks are operational in Uruguay. Mobile coverage is extensive throughout the country, with good service quality in urban areas and in most rural areas. International roaming is available and local prepaid SIM cards can be easily purchased. Free Wi-Fi is also available in hotels, cafes and public spaces.

## ELECTRICAL SUPPLY

Plugs and sockets are of the C, F, I and L type. The standard voltage is 220 AC and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.

## LOCAL TIME

Uruguay’s standard time is one hour ahead of Eastern Standard Time (EST) and three hours behind Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).

## IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

In Montevideo, the emergency telephone number is **911**.
The number connects to:

- Emergencies:Police
- Fire brigade and emergency services
- Ambulance